

Celler Defends Douglas-Probe Unit

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Washington, Aug. 5—The 3-month inquiry into possible impeachment of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas has been slowed by lack of co-operation from the Nixon administration, Representative Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) charged today.

Responding to attacks of foot-dragging against the special judiciary subcommittee set up to study the Douglas case, Mr. Celler complained that information had not been forthcoming from the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department and the Justice Department.

While he did not explain what the subcommittee was seeking

from those agencies, some attacks on Justice Douglas have charged him with being tied up with gamblers who sought a gambling concession in the Dominican Republic. The panel may be seeking data relating to those charges from the State Department and the CIA.

Mr. Celler, chairman of the subcommittee, said that public hearings, which have been demanded by some of the justice's critics in the House, would be in order only after the subcommittee completed its preliminary investigation, and then only if it recommended to the full Judiciary Committee that an impeachment proceeding be undertaken.